

*Certificates and Testimonials of Mr. S. McALLISTER, Applicant  
for the position of Public School Inspector in the City of  
Toronto, May, 1891.*

**CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY AS COUNTY OR CITY  
INSPECTOR AND EXAMINER.**

This is to certify that Mr. SAMUEL McALLISTER, having complied with the Regulations of the Education Department, respecting the qualifications of Inspectors of Public Schools and Examiners, is hereby declared eligible to be appointed an Inspector of Public Schools, and a member of the Board of Examiners for granting Third Class Certificates to Teachers, in accordance with the Law and Regulations in that behalf.

Dated at the Education Department, this eleventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

T. N. NUDEL,

*Registrar.*

GEO. W. ROSS,

*Minister of Education.*

**Certificate from the School of Practical Science.**

I hereby certify that Mr. S. McALLISTER diligently attended the evening classes of instruction in Chemistry, Practical Chemistry and Geology, given in the School of Practical Science during the Winters of 1872-3, 1874-5 and 1875-6; and that at the Examinations held in these subjects he ranked as follows:—

Christmas, 1872, Chemistry, 1st in Class I. Midsunmer, 1873, Chemistry, 3rd in Class I  
May, 1875, Practical Chemistry, 1st in Class I. May, 1873, Geology, 1st in Class I.

PROFESSOR W. H. ELLIS, M.A., M.B.

**Certificate from the Military school, Toronto.**

**TESTIMONIALS.**

**From Ex-Chairmen of Toronto Public School Board. (Not now members.)**

We, the undersigned ex-chairmen of the Toronto Public School Board, have the utmost confidence in recommending Mr. SAMUEL McALLISTER for the office of Public School Inspector, and we have every reason to believe that his long experience of school management, and his superior mental acquirements, would enable him to discharge satisfactorily the important duties of the office.

JOSEPH WORKMAN, M.D.,

*Chairman of First Board.*

JOHN BAXTER.

H. H. WRIGHT, M.D.

E. COATSWORTH.

JAMES BAIN.

E. GALLEY.

F. JOHNSTON.

GEO. McMURRICH.

**From PROFESSOR LOUDON.**

I have much pleasure in stating that I consider Mr. S. McALLISTER eminently qualified, on account of his long experience as a teacher, his attainments, and high character, for the office of Inspector in the City Public Schools.

J. LOUDON, M.A.,

*Professor of Physics, University of Toronto.*

**From PROFESSOR BAKER.**

It affords me much pleasure to state that I believe Mr. S. McALLISTER to be a most thorough and accomplished teacher. For many years he has held a very prominent position among our Public School teachers. His scholars have been most successful after leaving his charge. I believe, if appointed, he will prove a most valuable Deputy Inspector.

ALFRED BAKER, M.A.,

*Professor of Mathematics, University of Toronto.*

**From PROFESSOR GALBRAITH, M.A., C.E., Principal School of Practical Science.**

DEAR MR. McALLISTER,

It gives me much pleasure to support your application for the position of Public School Inspector. I think that you are eminently qualified for the position, both personally and from your long experience, and I sincerely hope you may be successful.

Yours very truly,

J. GALBRAITH.

**From J. SQUAIR, B.A., Lecturer in French, University of Toronto.**

MY DEAR MR. McALLISTER,

It is with pleasure that I hear you are to apply for the position of Public School Inspector in our city. From what I know of you personally, and from the reputation you enjoy amongst your fellow teachers of this country, I have no doubt that, if you receive the appointment, you will discharge the duties devolving upon you with marked distinction. After your long period of faithful service Toronto owes you much. I hope the Board will crown that faithful service with its appropriate reward.

Yours very truly,

J. SQUAIR.

**From GEO. DICKSON, Esq., M.A.**

This is to certify that I have known SAMUEL McALLISTER for the last fifteen years as one of the most successful Public School teachers in the whole range of my acquaintanceship.

The prominent part that he has taken in the Ontario Teachers' Association, as well as in the Teachers' Association of Toronto; his success in Public School work, his contributions to the educational literature of the Province, mark him as one of our foremost teachers.

I consider him eminently qualified for the position of Public School Inspector.

GEO. DICKSON,

*Principal Upper Canada College.*

**From A. MacMURCHY, Esq., M.A.**

To the Chairman and Members of the Public School Board, Toronto.

SIRS,—Notwithstanding that you all know SAMUEL McALLISTER, Esq., so well for years, allow me to remind you of his superior qualifications for the appointment he is now seeking, and of the energy, perseverance and faithfulness he has shewn in your service as Principal of one of the largest schools in the City.

It seems to me fitting that the Board should, by appointing him Inspector, recognize his services in the Public Schools of this City.

ARCHIBALD MacMURCHY, M.A.,

*Principal Collegiate Institute, Jarvis St.*

**From L. E. EMBREE, M.A., Principal Parkdale Collegiate Institute.**

MR. SAMUEL MCALLISTER,

It was with feelings of disappointment that I read of the resolution passed by the Public School Board, which would prevent you being in the race for the second Inspectorship, and I hope that the withdrawal of the age limit is but the preliminary step towards your appointment to a position, for which your acknowledged fitness, and your long and successful experience, so well qualify you. Your reputation as a teacher, and your influence in educational circles, have for a long time extended beyond the limits of the City of Toronto. Long before I became a resident of the City, and before I became acquainted with you, your name as an educator was familiar to me, and I hope the members of the Board will do credit to their own judgment, and benefit the school system of Toronto, by appointing you to the new office.

I am, with best wishes, yours very sincerely,

L. E. EMBREE.

**From PROFESSOR GOLDWIN SMITH, M.A., etc.**

I saw a good deal of Mr. SAMUEL MCALLISTER, now Principal of Ryerson School, at a time when I represented the Public School Teachers in the Council of Public Instruction, and I have pleasure in saying that I formed a high opinion of his character, intelligence and devotion to the objects of his profession.

It is my conviction that if appointed to the new Inspectorship of Schools, he will perform the duties of the office conscientiously and well.

GOLDWIN SMITH.

**From H. E. CLARKE, Esq., M.P.P.**

MR. S. MCALLISTER,

Being an applicant for the position of Inspector, I have very great pleasure in recommending him to the favorable consideration of the Board of School Trustees, believing him to be in every way qualified to fill the position. A good man; a successful teacher, having perfect knowledge of all the duties of the office. I am sure his appointment would give general satisfaction.

H. E. CLARKE.

**From WM. McCABE, Esq., LL.B., F.I.A., Eng., Managing Director North American Life Assurance Company.**

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the qualifications of Mr. S. MCALLISTER, an applicant for the post of Assistant Public School Inspector for the City.

While President of the Teachers' Association for Ontario, and Member of the Council of Public Instruction for the Province, I had the most ample means of knowing the skill, ability and efficiency of Mr. MCALLISTER as a teacher, as well as his high scholastic attainments.

From knowledge thus acquired, as well as from actual work with him in the Provincial Teachers' Association, I have the greatest confidence in recommending him for the appointment, for the efficient and satisfactory discharge of the duties of which I consider him fully competent and in every way well qualified.

WM. McCABE.

**From WILLIAM HOUSTON, M.A., Librarian of Parliament, Toronto.**

S. MCALLISTER, Esq.,

DEAR SIR,—I am pleased to know that you are an applicant for the position of Inspector of the Public Schools of Toronto, and I would be glad to hear that you have received it. During the term of my acquaintance with you I have had many opportunities of meeting you at Provincial and other Associations of Educationists, and of talking over Educational Topics with you in private, and I have always been of opinion that you are entitled to high rank amongst the teachers of this Province on the ground alike of professional skill, and of non-professional attainments. Assuming that the incumbent of the new inspectorship will be required to discharge all the ordinary duties of an Inspector, including the inculcation of methods, I do not know of any available candidate whose appointment would be, in my estimation, so fitting as your own would be.

Yours truly,

WM. HOUSTON.

**From JAMES BAIN, Jr., Esq., Chief Librarian, Toronto Public Library.**

Having known Mr. SAMUEL MCALLISTER for a long time I have very much pleasure in bearing testimony to his ability, industry and uprightness, and feel confident that if the Board of Trustees should appoint him to the position of Inspector they would gain an able and faithful officer.

JAMES BAIN, JR.

**From the REVEREND SEPTIMUS JONES, M.A.**

Mr. SAMUEL MCALLISTER has been known to me for many years as a successful teacher and Principal of one of our most important Toronto Public Schools.

I should judge that his experience and acquirements would especially fit him for the office of School Inspector.

SEPTIMUS JONES.

**From the REVEREND A. J. BROUGHALL, M.A.**

Having learned that Mr. SAMUEL MCALLISTER is an applicant for the position of a Public School Inspector in this City, I beg to add my humble testimony as to his fitness for so important an office.

With deference, I would further venture to express my sense of the special propriety of acting on the principle of promoting a deserving man—more particularly in a case like the present, where a combination of both ability and experience is so much to be looked to.

A. J. BROUGHALL,

*St. Stephens' Rectory, Toronto.*

**From REV. ALEX. GILRAY.**

This is to certify that Mr. MCALLISTER is well known to me as a Head Teacher in our Public Schools. I have pleasure in giving my testimony, that no teacher has more thoroughly won the respect of parents and friends, and maintained the same, than Mr. MCALLISTER.

His name stands out marked with honor, both as a true gentleman and as a successful educator.

ALEX. GILRAY,

*College Street Presbyterian Church.*

**From CANON SWEENEY, D.D.**

This is to certify that I have known Mr. S. MCALLISTER for the past eight years as Principal of the Ryerson School, situate within the territorial limits of my Parish. I regard him, both from the standpoint of intellectual attainments and moral qualifications, eminently worthy to fill the position of School Inspector for which he is an applicant. I sincerely trust that he may receive the appointment as one that by his many services to public education he well deserves.

J. FIELDING SWEENEY, D.D.

*Rector of St. Philip's Church and Honorary Canon,*

*St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto.*